

WEEKLY FOOD COST FOR FIVE IS \$9.56

Grocery Budget for Poor Family Jumps 89 Per Cent. in Five Years.

CLOTHING UP 101 PER CT.

Need of More Funds to Care for Needy Pointed by Bailey B. Burritt.

The minimum weekly food budget for a poor family, consisting of two adults and three children, now is \$9.56, as compared with \$5.04 in the fall of 1914, or an increase of 89 per cent. This advance in the cost of modest eating and a 101 per cent. increase in the cost of clothing are shown by Bailey B. Burritt, general director of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in a report to the board of managers outlining the necessity for the adoption of an increased budget for the new fiscal year. The budget as approved by the board called for a total of \$220,000, or approximately \$190,000 more than was expended by the association during the present year for the relief of New York families.

What Mr. Burritt calls a "modest grocery budget" gives the quantities based on the requirements of a family of five, together with the rise in cost of twenty staple foodstuffs. The prices of only two items in the entire list—molasses and cocoa—did not change in the last five years. Eleven items increased 100 per cent. or more. Two—onions and apples—have gone up 400 per cent.

Budgets Are Compared.

The "family budget" for the fall of 1919, compared with that of the fall of 1914, is as follows:

Articles and Amounts.	Fall, 1914.	Fall, 1919.	Pct. Inc.
Wheat, 14 qts.	\$2.24	\$2.24	77+
Wheat, 10 lbs.	.50	.50	100
Barley, 10 lbs.	.50	.50	100
Flour, 25 lbs.	.34	.34	100
Sugar, 25 lbs.	.25	.25	49
Molasses, 1 pt.	.10	.10	0
Onions, 5 lbs.	.15	.15	20
Apples, 5 lbs.	.15	.15	20
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